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**Black History Month Online Resources:**

Online Field Trip Idea:

First, read the biographies of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglas. Then explore the Pathways to Freedom: [Maryland and the Underground Railroad](http://pathways.thinkport.org/flash_home.cfm). Thinkport does an awesome job to make it interactive and informative. Teacher tips are on the website. I highly recommend “following the footsteps” to chose what to do as a runaway slave.

Other Resources:

Match the photo of an [African American hero](http://pbskids.org/aaworld/findtheface.swf) to the event to learn more. Great for 1st- 2nd graders.

[Reader’s Theater Plays](http://www.2pageplays.com/plays.swf) that teach about famous people (example: George Washington Carver) and peace. Great for green day character development lessons.

[Great Smart board lesson](http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=445) on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There are questions at the end for students to demonstrate knowledge.

***Intermediate Grades:***

*Don’t forget to keep up to date with Maryland standards and check out any sample questions and seeds (mini lessons). The website is* <http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/index.html>.

*Greetings! Just a reminder that I am a resource if you ever need help feeling comfortable using technologies such as: the document camera, Smart board, or even what to do in the computer lab. I hope no one has felt in the cold this year with technology. If you need assistance with any of those technologies or even finding resources online for planning a technology rich lesson I am an email or a few steps away. – Chrissy Lassalle (E-coach)*

***FREE GOODIES!!!***  *I put out an offer before the holidays to come by, but because of our extra long vacation I was unable to hand them out. Come by my room with a blank CD or a flash drive for some Smart board lessons that cover all grade levels and subjects.*

***“If we taught today, as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow” – John Dewey***